



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 3763**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Scott Cunningham **EXAMINER:** Gary Jackson
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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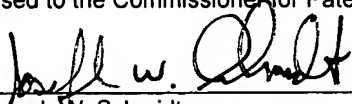
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